



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members,
community,
and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching
and
teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)


✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.



- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Lee Williams sponsored by Jeanette Williams and family.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** *Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.*
- **Live Streaming on Facebook:** The 9:00 worship service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.
- **Volunteers Needed:** If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to be part of the **Facebook Live Stream** or the **Radio Ministry**, please contact the church office.
- At this time, we will not be having **Monday morning Bible study**. **Monday Prayer Team** will return to meeting Monday's at 10 am until further notice.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Have you considered doing more Bible Study in 2022? Here's an opportunity for you. If you'd like to be part of our small group, we'd welcome you. We are using a video series, That the World May Know: Walk as Jesus Walked; we will have the lesson, "An Unlikely Disciple", on **January 5**. We watch the video, read the story in the Bible, talk about the questions in the guide – and fellowship as we do this. We meet in the old basement parish hall at the north end of the church from 9:30 to 10:30, or so, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, which will be on January 5 and 19. Hope to see you there.
- **Thank you and Pray:** We would like to thank those who have agreed to give their time to be on the Call Committee and to ask the congregation keep each of these people in their prayers as they diligently work and prayerfully consider the one God has chosen to be our next Pastor: Kent Delong, Jim Wyffels, Jerry Flogstad, Andrew Gilmore, Bill Kuschel, Kris Dahloff, Jessica Klinger, and Aimee Hill.
- "I would like to offer my **thanks** to all the members of St. Paul's during the 3.5 years I have served. I would especially like to thank Cindy Wood, Kelli Lenz, Aimee Hill, and Pastors Carter and Zimmer for their support and guidance. I am sad to be leaving this wonderful congregation, but I pray that the music at St. Paul's continues to be a worshipful and vibrant ministry. --**Kaleb Schmidt**
- **Special thanks** to everyone who remembered me this year and sent me such wonderful Birthday cards and wishes for my 90th birthday. May God Bless you all. Helen Boese
- **Thank you** to all who contributed, volunteered and attended the **2021 Nativity Drive Thru**. 1169 individuals either walked or attended this year's luminary spectacular, bringing the Christmas

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- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (*in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.*) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.newstalk1170.com
- **Lutheran Hour:** “The Lutheran Hour” can be heard on the following radio stations: WCCO, 830 AM radio, Minneapolis, Sunday, 6:05 AM; KDHL, 920 AM radio, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM; KJLY, 93.5 FM, Owatonna, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** Join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.

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The Lord’s Supper

- ✠ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✠ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30*)
- ✠ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (**Acts 2:42** *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*)
- ✠ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.

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OPENING HYMN: *"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"*

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ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 72: 1-11 (Read Responsively)

P: Give the king your justice, O God,
 C: and your righteousness to the royal son!
 P: May he judge your people with righteousness,
 C: and your poor with justice!
 P: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
 C: and the hills, in righteousness!
 P: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
 C: give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
 P: May they fear you while the sun endures,
 C: and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
 P: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
 C: like showers that water the earth!
 P: In his days may the righteous flourish,
 C: and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
 P: May he have dominion from sea to sea,
 C: and from the River to the ends of the earth!
 P: May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
 C: May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
 P: may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
 C: May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be

turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

“Adore Him”

Senior Choir

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 1-12

For this reason, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE: Common

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

SERMON HYMN: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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SERMON: What? No Legos?

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & OFFERTORY: (OFFERING: *offering plates are located at each entrance*)

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

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SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy:*

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LORD'S PRAYER:

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord:*

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AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God:*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

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"The People That in Darkness Sat"

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"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT: *Thank the Lord*

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BENEDICTION:

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CLOSING HYMN: *"Arise and Shine in Splendor"*

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Message to life. A potluck post event mtg for all volunteers will be held Sunday, January 9th at 5 pm in St Paul Lutheran Parish Hall to recognize them and bring closure to the 2021 event. I hope to see you there.

- We invite our congregation members to join Cotta Guild in observing **Sanctity of Human Life** in January with our support of **Rachel's Hope**, a pregnancy center in Austin. We are using a Thrivent Action Card to purchase diapers in sizes 5,6, and 7 (which is what they need), baby wipes, baby lotion, baby shampoo. Quilts are also appreciated. Congregation members are invited to also donate these items throughout January in the boxes by the elevator and at the north end of the church.
- **2021 Poinsettias:** We thank the following families for beautifying the church for Christmas to the Glory of God, in memory of loved ones. Dick Arnold, Jerry Flogstad, Lois Spies, Marjorie Arndt, Linda Korb, Lila Schaal, Duane Brase, Connie & David Krause, Mike Ulschmid, Shirley Bluhm, Jean Kuschel, Jeanette Williams, Karen Berg, Cynthia Kolander, Karen Weckwerth, Kraig Deling, Bob Lau, Ron Wood, Kent DeLong, Ken Lenz, Jim Wyffels, Grant Duffy, Bob Roemhildt, Dean Woke, Dave Ziegler.
- Kick Off Session for Grandparenting Matters Workshop Thursday January 20th, 2022 from 6:30-8:30pm. Call the church office to Reserve your seat and workbook for this wonderful event.
- The Board of Trustees are beginning discussions regarding the need to replace a furnace or two in the immediate future. We will keep you informed as more updates arrive.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Alma Stueve (mother of Pam Rudolph)
- **Hospitalized:**
- **Illness:**
- **Recovery and testing:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Michelle Fluegge (Aunt of Jess Klinger) and Glen Schultz
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Mitchel and Oscar Berg (family of Karen Berg)
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

Upcoming Events:

- **January 9th, 2022:** Nativity Volunteer Potluck Celebration Supper at St Paul @ 5pm
- **January 14th, 2022:** Youth Mission Trip Drive Thru Fundraiser 5pm to 7pm
- **January 19th, Women's Bible Study 9:30am**
- **January 20th:** Grandparenting Matters Workshop
- **January 23rd:** Voter's Meeting with free will offering for Mites hosted by Cotta Guild

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 9th-16th, 2022

Sunday (9th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday (10th):

10:00 am Prayer team

Tuesday(11th):

1:00 pm Quilters

5:30pm Youth Group

Wednesday (12th):

3:30 pm- 5:00pm 6th-8th grade Confirmation Classes

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thursday (13th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Johnny Beans

1:00 p.m. Cotta Guild

Friday(14th):

5:00pm-7:00pm Youth Mission Trip Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru

Sunday (16th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3FM)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: January 9th

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Joseph Schumacher

ELDER/DEACON: Kraig Deling/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK LIVE: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK: January 16th

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Alexa Welander

ELDER/DEACON: Kraig Deling/ Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

FACEBOOK LIVE:

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on Jan. 2nd: 81 **Voters Mtg:** 39 **Sunday School:** 5

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): End of 2021: 6,725.00

Jan. 2nd, 2022: 1,503.00

Dedicated Funds: Jan.2nd: 10.00